Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~In the fabrication of semiconductor integrated circuits, a~~ A method for ~~controlling~~ generating a dummy dispense ~~of liquid~~ signal, comprising:

   (a) recording a time at which a substrate is processed;

   (b) recording a time at which a ~~liquid~~ volatile solution is dispensed;

   (c) comparing the time at which the substrate is processed and the time at which the liquid is dispensed ~~to determine whether a dummy dispense is required~~; and

   (d) generating a dummy dispense signal when ~~the dummy dispense is~~ required,

   wherein the volatile solution is photoresist.

2-3 (cancelled).

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the time at which the substrate is processed comprises a move-in time of the substrate.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the time at which the ~~liquid~~ volatile solution is dispensed comprises a last time at which the ~~liquid~~ volatile solution is dispensed.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the step (c) comprises generating a time difference between the move-in time of the substrate and the last time at which the ~~liquid~~ volatile solution is dispensed.

7. (currently amended)   The method of claim 6 further comprising performing a dummy dispense when the time difference is larger than, or equal to, a period of time that is long enough to substantially make a solvent of the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u> evaporate.

8. (currently amended)   The method of claim 7 further comprising dispensing the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u> on the substrate.

9. (currently amended)   The method of claim 8 further comprising recording an updated time at which the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u> is dispensed.

10. (currently amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising recording a recipe for dispensing the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u> and the name of the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u>.

11. (currently amended)   The method of claim 10 further comprising determining whether the name of the ~~liquid~~ <u>volatile solution</u> responds to the recipe.

12-28 (cancelled)